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	Secular Days		Pagan		Rastafarian
	UK Bank Holidays		Hindu		Japanese / Shinto
	Christian - All traditions unless stated		Bahá'í		Jewish
	Eastern Orthodox Christian		Zoroastrian / Persian		Muslim
	Jain		Chinese / Taoist		Buddhist
			Sikh		Other

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Dates when people of certain faiths may be unavailable

Find out about each festival at [www.happy.co.uk/culturalplanner](http://www.happy.co.uk/culturalplanner)

### 📅 Secular Days

25 Jan	Burn's Night
27 Jan	Holocaust Memorial Day
14 Feb	Valentine's Day
1 Mar	St. David's Day
8 Mar	International Women's Day
17 Mar	St. Patrick's Day
18 Mar	Sign Language Week starts
20 Mar	International Day of Happiness
31 Mar	Mother's Day
23 Apr	St. George's Day
6 May	Deaf Awareness Week starts
13 May	Mental Health Awareness Week starts
16 Jun	Father's Day
7 Jul	Pride (London)
1 Oct	Black History Month starts
31 Oct	Halloween
5 Nov	Bonfire Night
10 Nov	Remembrance Sunday
11 Nov	Armistice Day
19 Nov	International Men's Day
30 Nov	St. Andrew's Day
1 Dec	World AIDS Day
3 Dec	International Day for People with Disabilities
31 Dec	New Year's Eve/ Hogmanay

### £ UK Bank Holidays

1 Jan	New Year's Day
2 Jan	New Year Holiday (Scotland only)
18 Mar	St Patrick's Day (N.Ireland only)
19 Apr	Good Friday
22 Apr	Easter Monday (not Scotland)
6 May	May Day
27 May	Late May Bank Holiday
2 Jul	Battle of the Boyne (N.Ireland only)
5 Aug	August Bank Holiday (Scotland only)
26 Aug	August Bank Holiday (not Scotland)
2 Dec	St Andrew's Day (Scotland only)
25 Dec	🎄 Christmas Day
26 Dec	Boxing Day

### 🇧🇧 Rastafarian

6 Jan	Ceremonial Birthday of Haile Selassie
21 Apr	Groundation Day
23 Jul	Birthday of Haile Selassie
17 Aug	Marcus Garvey's birthday
2 Nov	Crowning of Emperor Selassie

### ✝️ Christian ~ All traditions unless stated

6 Jan	Epiphany
5 Mar	Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
6 Mar	Ash Wednesday (start of Lent)
14 Apr	Palm Sunday, Holy Week starts
18 Apr	Maundy Thursday (end of Lent)
19 Apr	<b>Good Friday</b>
19 Apr	Lord's Evening Meal (Jehovah's Witness)
21 Apr	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
30 May	Ascension of Jesus (Roman Catholic)
9 Jun	Pentecost
20 Jun	Corpus Christi (Roman Catholic)
15 Aug	Assumption of the Virgin Mary (Roman Catholic)
1 Nov	All Saints' Day (Roman Catholic)
9 Dec	Immaculate Conception (Roman Catholic)
25 Dec	<b>Christmas</b>
31 Dec	Watch Night (Pentecostal)

### ✝️ Eastern Orthodox Christian

1 Jan	Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus
7 Jan	Nativity of the Lord (Orthodox Christmas)
19 Jan	Theophany
15 Feb	Presentation of the Lord
11 Mar	Start of Great Lent
7 Apr	Annunciation
21 Apr	Palm Sunday/Start of Holy Week/end of Great Lent
26 April	<b>Holy Friday</b>
28 Apr	<b>Pascha</b>
6 Jun	Ascension
16 Jun	Pentecost
19 Aug	Transfiguration of the Lord
28 Aug	Dormition of the Theotokos
21 Sep	Nativity of the Theotokos
27 Sep	Elevation of the Holy Cross
4 Dec	Presentation of the Theotokos

### 🌟 Pagan

1 Feb	Imbolc
20 Mar	Ostara
1 May	<b>Beltane</b>
24 Jun	Litha
1 Aug	Lughnasadh
21 Sep	Mabon
31 Oct	<b>Samhain</b>
22 Dec-2 Jan	Yule

### 🕉️ Hindu

15-19 Jan	Makar Sankranti
4 Mar	🌅 Maha Shivaratri
20-21 Mar	<b>Holi</b>
14 Apr	Rama Navami
15 Aug	Raksha Bandhana
24 Aug	<b>Krishna Janmashtami</b>
2 Sep	Ganesha Chaturthi
29 Sep-8 Oct	Navartri
7 Oct	<b>Dussehra</b>
27 Oct	AL <b>Diwali</b>

### 🌸 Buddhist ~ All traditions unless stated

13 Jan	<b>Bodhi Day</b>
2 Feb	Buddha Day (South Korea)
5-7 Feb	Losar (Tibetan New Year)
15 Feb	<b>Nirvana Day (Mahayana)</b>
13-16 Feb	Songkran/Bun Pi Mai (SE Asia)
19 Feb	<b>Magha Puja/Sangha</b> (Thailand,Cambodia, Laos)
20 Feb	Chunga Choepa (Tibetan)
18 May	AL <b>Vesak, Buddha Day</b>
26 Nov	Lha Bab Duchon (Tibetan)

### 🌟 Bahá'í

26 Feb-1 Mar	🌙 Ayyám i Há (Intercalary Days)
21 Mar	🌙 <b>Naw Rúz</b>
21 Apr-2 May	🌙 <b>Ridvan</b> 1st, 9th, 12th are holy days
24 May	🌙 Declaration of the Bab
29 May	🌙 Ascension of Baha'u'llah
10 Jul	🌙 Martyrdom of the Bab
26 Nov	🌙 Day of the Covenant
28 Nov	🌙 Ascension of Abdu'l Baha
30 Nov	🌙 Twin Holy Birthdays

### 🌟 Zoroastrian / Persian

2-20 Feb	🌙 <b>Nouruz</b>
16-20 Mar	🌙 Frawardigan
21 Mar	🌙 <b>Sadeh</b>
27 Mar	🌙 Khordad Sal
22 Dec	🌙 Shab e Yalda
26 Dec	🌙 Zartosht No Diso

### 🌸 Chinese / Taoist

5-10 Feb	<b>Yuan Tuan (New Year-Pig)</b>
19 Feb	Yuan Xiao (Lantern Festival)
8 Mar	Zhonghe (Blue Dragon Festival)
5 Apr	Qing Ming Jie (Tomb Sweeping Day)
7 Jun	Duanwu (Dragon Boat Festival)
7 Jul	Qixi (Double 7 <sup>th</sup> or Chinese Valentines Day)
15 Aug	Zhongyuan (Hungry Ghost Festival)
7 Oct	Chongyang (Double Ninth) Festival
22 Dec	Dongzhi Festival

### 🌸 Japanese / Shinto

1 Jan	<b>Gantan sai</b>
13 Jan	Rohatsu
15 Jan	Dōsojin
3 Feb	Setsuban
8 Apr	<b>Hana Matsuri</b>
29 Apr-5 May	Shōwa no Hi
15 Aug	<b>Obon</b>
16 Sep	Keirō no Hi
14 Nov	Daijōsai
29 Dec-3 Jan	Hatsumode
31 Dec	Ōmisoka

### 🌟 Jain

2 Feb	Meru Trayodashi
20 Mar	Chaumasi Chaudas
17 Apr	Shri Mahavir Jayanti
27 Aug	<b>Paryushana Parvarambha</b>
27 Oct	<b>Diwali</b>

### 🌟 Sikh

5 Jan	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh
19 Feb	Maghi
14 Apr	<b>Baisakhi (Vaisakhi)</b>
16 Jun	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev
20 Oct	Guru Granth Jayanti
11 Nov	<b>Diwali</b>
12 Nov	<b>Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Jayanti</b>
24 Nov	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur

### 🌟 Jewish

21 Jan	🌙 Tu B'Shevat
21 Mar	🌙 <b>Purim</b>
20-27 Apr	🌙 <b>Pesach (Passover)</b> No work permitted on first and last days 🌙 Work permitted April 22-25 with restrictions
3 May	Yom HaShoah
23 May	Lag B'Omer
8-10 Jun	🌙 Shavuot
11 Aug	🌙 Tish'a B'av
30 Sep	🌙 <b>Rosh Hashanah</b>
9 Oct	🌙 Yom Kippur
14 Oct	🌙 <b>Sukkot</b> (No work permitted Oct 14 & 15) 🌙 Work permitted Oct 16-18 & Oct 20 with restrictions
20 Oct	🌙 Hoshanah Rabbah
21 Oct	🌙 Shemini Atzeret
22 Oct	🌙 Simchat Torah
23-30 Dec	🌙 <b>Hanukkah</b>

### 🌟 Muslim

3 Apr	Lailat al Miraj
21 Apr	Lailat al Bara'ah
5 May-4 Jun	F 🌙 <b>Ramadan</b>
31 May	F 🌙 Laylat al Qadr
5 Jun	F 🌙 <b>Eid al Fitr - Ramadan ends</b>
11 Aug	🌙 Waqf al Arafa
12-15 Aug	F 🌙 <b>Eid al Adha</b>
31 Aug-28 Sep	F 🌙 Al Hijra / Muharram
10 Sep	F 🌙 Ashura (Sunni Muslims may fast)
20 Oct	🌙 Arba'een
10 Nov	🌙 <b>Mawlid an Nabi</b>

### ❖ Other

24 Jul	<b>Pioneer Day</b> (Mormon)
25 Dec	<b>Kwanzaa</b> African American, African Diaspora

🌟 Dates & festivals may vary depending on region/sect/tradition. Some also celebrated as secular festivals

AL Observant followers may wish to take the day off work

🌙 Festival starts at sundown or first sighting of moon on the evening before

🌙 Work prohibited by faith

F Fast: sunset-sunset



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